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HURST TEXAS

HURST POLICE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

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Topic: Suicide and House Fire

On Sunday, November 16, 2014, at approximately 3:43 pm, Hurst Police received a call about a family violence assault in the 800 block of Crystal Lane. The female victim said she had been assaulted by her male boyfriend. The victim left the house to meet with police, but she said the suspect had threatened to burn the house if she called police and possibly commit suicide.

After Hurst officers arrived on scene, the suspect walked out of the house but then ran back inside after seeing the officers. The officers attempted to contact the suspect, but he would not respond. After officers heard possible gun shots from inside the house, the house began to burn.

The Hurst Fire Department, with assistance from local agencies, was able to extinguish the fire, and no neighboring houses were damaged by the fire.

The body of a deceased male was located inside the house. The cause of death appears to be a self inflicted gun shot wound to the head.

Further investigation is being conducted by the Hurst Police and Fire Departments.

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